Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-27 (canceled).

Claim 28 (new). A system, comprising:

a camera;

at least one passive camera-accessory component associated with said camera;

a contactless memory medium mounted on said passive accessory component and that said control device has an electronic acquisition device for communicating with said contactless memory medium; and

a control device connected to said passive camera-accessory component, said control device having an electronic acquisition device for communicating with said contactless memory medium.

Claim 29 (new). The system according to claim 28, wherein said contactless memory medium is a transponder.

Claim 30 (new). The system according to claim 28, wherein said acquisition device is a read/write device.

Claim 31 (new). The system according to claim 28, wherein said contactless memory medium is configured to store data related to said passive accessory component and/or an operation thereof.

Claim 32 (new). The system according to claim 28, wherein said control device has an associated memory unit with a mobile memory medium for storing data related to said passive accessory component and/or an operation thereof.

Claim 33 (new). The system according to claim 32, wherein said mobile memory medium is a memory card.

Claim 34 (new). The system according to claim 32, wherein said mobile memory medium furthermore is adapted for storing personal accessory-specific data.

Claim 35 (new). The system according to claim 32, wherein said control device further includes a display device and said mobile memory medium is adapted for storing information regarding said display device or a configuration thereof.

Claim 36 (new). The system according to claim 35, wherein said memory medium is adapted to store the information as a function of the passive accessory component.

Claim 37 (new). The system according to claim 28, wherein said camera is a movie camera.

Claim 38 (new). The system according to claim 28, wherein said camera is a video camera.

Claim 39 (new). The system according to claim 28, wherein said camera is a photo camera.

Claim 40 (new). The system according to claim 28, wherein said passive accessory component is an exchangeable lens.

Claim 41 (new). In combination with a camera, a passive accessory component for the camera, comprising a contactless memory medium mounted to said passive accessory component.

Claim 42 (new). The passive accessory component according to claim 41, wherein said contactless memory medium is a transponder.

Claim 43 (new). The passive accessory component according to claim 41, wherein said contactless memory medium is configured to store data regarding the passive accessory component and/or an operation thereof.

Claim 44 (new). The passive accessory component according to claim 43, wherein a drive motor is associated with the passive accessory component, and said contactless memory medium is configured to store counting values of said drive motor in combination with associated graduation values or engraved values of the passive accessory component.

Claim 45 (new). The passive accessory component according to claim 41 configured as an exchangeable lens for the camera.

Claim 46 (new). In a camera having at least one passive accessory component associated therewith, a control device comprising an electronic acquisition device connected to communicate with a contactless memory medium on the passive accessory component.

Claim 47 (new). The control device according to claim 46, wherein said electronic acquisition device is a read/write device.

Claim 48 (new). The control device according to claim 46, which further comprises a memory unit with at least one mobile memory medium for storing data specific to the passive accessory component and/or an operation thereof.

Claim 49 (new). The control device according to claim 48, wherein said memory unit is configured to store personal, accessory-specific data on said mobile memory medium.

Claim 50 (new). The control device according to claim 49, which further comprises a display device, and said memory unit with said mobile memory medium is adapted to store information regarding said display unit, or a configuration thereof.

Claim 51 (new). The control device according to claim 50, wherein said memory medium is adapted to store the information as a function of the passive accessory component.

Claim 52 (new). The control device according to claim 50, wherein said display device is adapted to display actual positions of a power-assist drive associated to the passive accessory component.

Claim 53 (new). The control device according to claim 48, wherein said mobile memory medium is a personal memory card.

Claim 54 (new). A control device for a passive accessory component associated with a camera, comprising: a memory unit having at least one mobile memory medium for storing data related to the passive accessory component.

Claim 55 (new). The control device according to claim 54, wherein said memory unit is configured to store personal, accessory component-specific data on said mobile memory medium.

Claim 56 (new). The control device according to claim 54, which further comprises a display unit, and wherein said memory unit with said mobile memory medium is configured to store information regarding said display unit, or a configuration thereof.

Claim 57 (new). The control device according to claim 56, wherein said memory medium is adapted to store the information as a function of the passive accessory component.

Claim 58 (new). The control device according to claim 56, wherein said display unit is adapted to display actual positions of a power assist drive associated to the passive accessory component.

Claim 59 (new). The control device according to claim 54, wherein said mobile memory medium is a personal memory card.